



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes**

**January 8, 2002
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Jeff Francell, Pablo Valdez, Rhonda Pratt, Mary Ruth Holder, Clint Small and Amy Babich

Board Members Absent: Jeb Boyt

City Staff Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Kimberley Jamail-Mitchell, Randy Scott and Dina Haines

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** December 11, 2001 meeting. **Board Member Small** made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The Board was in favor 7-0-0.**

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ed Thomas spoke to the board regarding a License Agreement request for Thomas boat dock at 2315 Island Wood Road.

D. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Item number 1; Thomas boat dock was voted out of order at the request of Board Member Small.

2. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Bella Lago Boat Dock at 2918 Demona Drive. File No. SP-01-0540DS
3. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Bella Lago Boat Dock at 2915 Demona Drive. File No. SP-01-0539DS
4. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Bella Lago Boat Dock at 2914 Demona Drive. File No. SP-01-0538DS

5. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Bella Lago Boat Dock at 2922 Demona Drive. File No. SP-01-0537DS

Board Member Small stated items 2, 3, 4, and 5 are single slip boat docks from the same project. Mr. Small stated the docks are in compliance with Land and Development Code and he made the motion to approve items 2, 3, 4, and 5. **Board Member Holder** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-1-0.** Board Member Babich opposed.

6. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Martin Boat Dock at 1600 Bruton Springs. File No. SP-01-0461DS

Board Member Small stated the Martin boat dock is a 2 slip dock and is in compliance with Land Development Code. Mr. Small made the motion to approve the Martin boat docks. **Board Member Holder** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-1-0.** Board Member Babich opposed.

1. Make a Recommendation to City Council Regarding a License Agreement for Thomas Boat Dock at 2315 Island Wood Road.

Board Member Small stated this item had been heard by the Navigation Committee in December 2001. This item was first heard by the Parks Board on January 12, 1999 and was approved for a 'screened in porch' or a 'screened room'. A red tag was issued for development not in accordance with the approved site plan on March 8, 2000. The development is not a 'screened in porch', but rather a recreation room with drywall, carpet, a fireplace and removable windows with screens. The City of Austin filed a lawsuit against Mr. Thomas for not complying with the previous site plan listed on the permit. The permit issued on January 28, 1999, by Development Review and Inspection Department (DRID) was for the "construction of a screened porch above an existing boat dock."

At present, the lawsuit has been delayed so that Mr. Thomas might pursue obtaining a "License Agreement" from the City Council for the room he built.

Edward Thomas was present and spoke to the board to request the board's recommendation to Council for a License Agreement. Also present were **Shaw Hamilton**, Development Review and Inspection Department and **Randy Scott**, Planner with Parks and Recreation Department to assist with any questions the board members had.

Board Member Small explained that the board's policy is not to approve requests to build living quarters or similar structures over the lake or to recommend license agreements for these structures.

Board Member Small made the motion that the Parks Board recommends no action taken, therefor Mr. Thomas will need to have a council member sponsor his item to be placed on the City Council agenda to take action. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 6-0-1.** Board Member Valdez abstained.

7. Election of Officers.

Board Members Francell made a motion to elect Rosemary Castleberry as the Chair, Rhonda Pratt as the Vice Chair, and Mary Ruth Holder as the Secretary/Parliamentarian to the Parks Board. **Board Member Valdez** seconded the motion. **The motion passed 7-0-0.**

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares distributed information to board members regarding the estimates given to Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) from the storm/tornado damage of November 15, 2001. Also distributed was the Community Score Card. Mr. Olivares informed the board of a fire at Dottie Jordan Recreation Center, which resulted in \$20, 000 damage on January 3, 2002.

The City of Austin Auditors Office has finished its report on Park Maintenance. Mr. Olivares stated he would provide a copy to board members. The department will meet with the auditors to go over it in detail. Once finalized it will be submitted to City Council.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

None

Land and Facilities Committee

None

Navigation Committee

None

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

H. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.